INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AGENTS OF TOWNSHIPS.

To William Bowron Esqr. Agent for superintending the Settlement of the Township of Godmanchester, Hemmingford, & Hinchinbrook.

THE Governor-in-Chief, or Lieutenant-Governor, having been pleased to nominate you to be Agent for superintending the settlement of the Township of

1st. You are to reside within the Township to the superintendency whereof you are appointed, or in its vicinity, in order the better to accomplish the end of your nomination.

2d. Your next duty will be to lay off, with the advice and participation of the Surveyor-General, a block of 500 acres, as a site for a village, of which 200 acres will be set apart for a Church, School-House, and Court-House for the Sessions of the Peace; the remaining 300 acres to be granted into lots of the average dimensions of *one acre*, by ticket of occupation, on condition that a comfortable log house be built thereon; and in conformity to other conditions therein contained, a projected plan of the subdivision of such a village to be submitted by the Surveyor-General to the Governor, or Lieutenant-Governor, for approval.

3d. The lots to be granted, to be one-half of an ordinary Township lot, divided through the centre, not longitudinally, but so as to give to each settler nearly a compact square farm of 100 acres, and the usual allowance of five per cent. for highways.

4th. Each applicant to receive from you a Location Certificate, of which printed forms will be furnished you, for the half-lot you will assign to him, (each settler being entitled to the vacant half-lot next after the number of the last preceding certificate, provided he be the first applicant,) and no such location certificate to be granted, unless the applicant be of good character, a British subject, and upon the spot, ready to commence the performance of the conditions of his Location Ticket. Such applicants, however, of good moral character, having large families, and probably some of a sufficient age, and capable of improving land, should be particularly encouraged, and recommended by you to Government for an additional portion of land, as contiguous as possible to the land already located to them; and such of the sons being arrived to the age of majority, or even to that of eighteen, being desirous of cultivating lands for themselves, provided they appear to you capable of undertaking the management of a farm, in such case they ought to be located to a half-lot nearest to that of their father.

5th. You will quarterly transmit to the Surveyor-General's office, exact returns of the Locations made in the Township you superintend, in the following form, accompanying the same with remarks on the general state and prosperity of the settlements therein.

QUARTERLY RETURN of *Locations* made in the *Township* of between the and the 182

NAMES.	No. of Lot or ½ Lot.	No. of the Range.	Date of Ticket of Location.	FAMILIES. Head thereof.	Wife.	Males.	Females.	Single Men.	Whether Emigrants from the United Kingdom, or what other country.	Character, how, and by whom recommended.	House.	Barn or Stable.	Whether occupied and by whom.	Whether the road and settling duties have been made in whole or in part, what extent of land cleared and in culture.	Tickets of Location that have expired, whether the lots are wholly unoccupied, or what has been done.	REMARKS.

A copy of which return the Surveyor-General will transmit to the Civil Secretary's office, to obtain through its medium the ratification and approval of Government of the Locations therein stated to have been made; the same to be subsequently forwarded to you, through the Surveyor-General's office, where entries of the ratified list and return will be first duly made.

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6th. You will make a separate report, for the consideration of Government, (to accompany each quarterly return) of such lands where the conditions of settlement have been wholly neglected, and the time for performing them, or any of them, has expired, (after giving due notice to that effect to the parties interested,) but you are not to proceed to a new Location of the Lots until you receive an authority to that effect from this office.

7th. Every settler to be held to clear the road in front of his lot, to the width of 20 feet within from the date of his Location Ticket; and in default of so doing, his Location Ticket to be null and void, unless satisfactory reasons are given why the same could not be performed, in which case discretion is left you to act thereupon with equity and justice towards the individual.

8th. Every person who shall be located, shall be held to clear the entire front of his half-lot, by the depth of one acre from the front, within two years from the date of his Location Certificate; and in default thereof, shall forfeit his right to the half-lot for which he may have been located, but at the same time, shall be entitled to his grant of such half-lot, upon producing the certificate of the Agent of the Township in which such lot is situate, of the performance of the above conditions, at any time before the expiration of the two years allowed for the performance of the said conditions.

9th. You will take care to reserve and point out the ground for bye-roads to communicate from one range to the other, and with the roads running in front of the lots; which bye-roads you will lay out at convenient distances from each other, as near on the division lines of the lots as practicable, five per cent. being allowed for that object.

10th. With reference to the Crown and Clergy Reservations, you will be governed by the diagram hereunto subjoined; and you are to refrain from granting such parts of the Township under your superintendance, as you may think proper to be retained in the power of the Crown, for its future disposition, according to the circumstances accompanying the settlement of that Township, of which you will give an early communicaton to Government.

11th. You are to consider yourself as the guardian of the ungranted lands of the Crown, and of the Reservations in block, or otherwise, set apart for the future disposition of His Majesty, within the limits of the Township under your superintendance; and as such you are to report to this office the trespass and depredations committed thereon, that instructions may in consequence be given to the Law Officers of the Crown, to prosecute the individuals concerned.

12th. You will be entitled to a per-centage of five acres on every hundred located by you as Agent, and it will be optional with you to take in each range your per-centage on the lands located therein, or to select it in block in the rear of each half of the Township; but it is to be understood that the same will be secured to you by Letters Patent, so soon *only* as the conditions of settlement shall have been complied with by the settlers on their respective lots.

13th. In consideration of postage, stationery, &c. you will be entitled to demand for yourself, upon each Location made by you, a sum of two shillings and six-pence, accounting to the Surveyor-General for his fees.

14th. You will consider yourself as linked with this, the office of His Majesty's Surveyor-General, and from whom you shall receive from time to time, such further communications as the exigency and nature of this branch of the public service may require, and through him make all your reports or communications to the Governor.

By His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief's Command,

Surveyor-General's Office,
QUEBEC, 20th September 1826

J. Bouchette
Surveyor-General.

P.S. These Instructions refer to a Diagram a Copy of which was already furnished You, as to the other Agents Generally under former Instructions.

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